

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): Yamamura
 Appln. No.: 09 522,020
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Group Art Unit 1731
 Examiner: Derrington
 Atty. Dkt. P 257743 SH-0016US
 M# Client Ref

Filed: March 8, 2000
 Hon. Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Appln. Title: Glass rod manufacturing method and
 glass rod manufacturing apparatus

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: October 4, 2002

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT made B. <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn C. <input type="checkbox"/> made herewith D. <input type="checkbox"/> made previously For B & C See Required Separate Paper (Pat-256)		Claims remaining after amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present Extra		Large/Small Entity		Additional Fee		Fee Code	
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3. Independent Claims		1		***minus 3		0		x \$84/\$42 =		+ \$0		102/202	
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11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)								+ \$740/370		+ \$0		146/246	
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)								x \$740/370 ea		+ \$0		149/249	
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)								+ \$740/370		+ \$0		1179/1279	
14. Petition fee for										+ \$0			
15.								TOTAL FEE =		\$110			
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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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MANUFACTURING APPARATUS



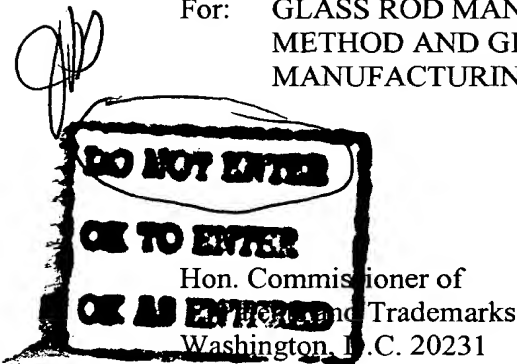
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October 4, 2002

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In The Claims

Please amend claim 1 as shown in the appendix. After the amendments claim 1 will read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for manufacturing a glass rod, which is a parent material of an optical fiber, comprising:
- adjusting an axis of an apparatus for elongating a base material, which is a parent material of said glass rod, by adjusting a vertical inclination of a standard rod having a